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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

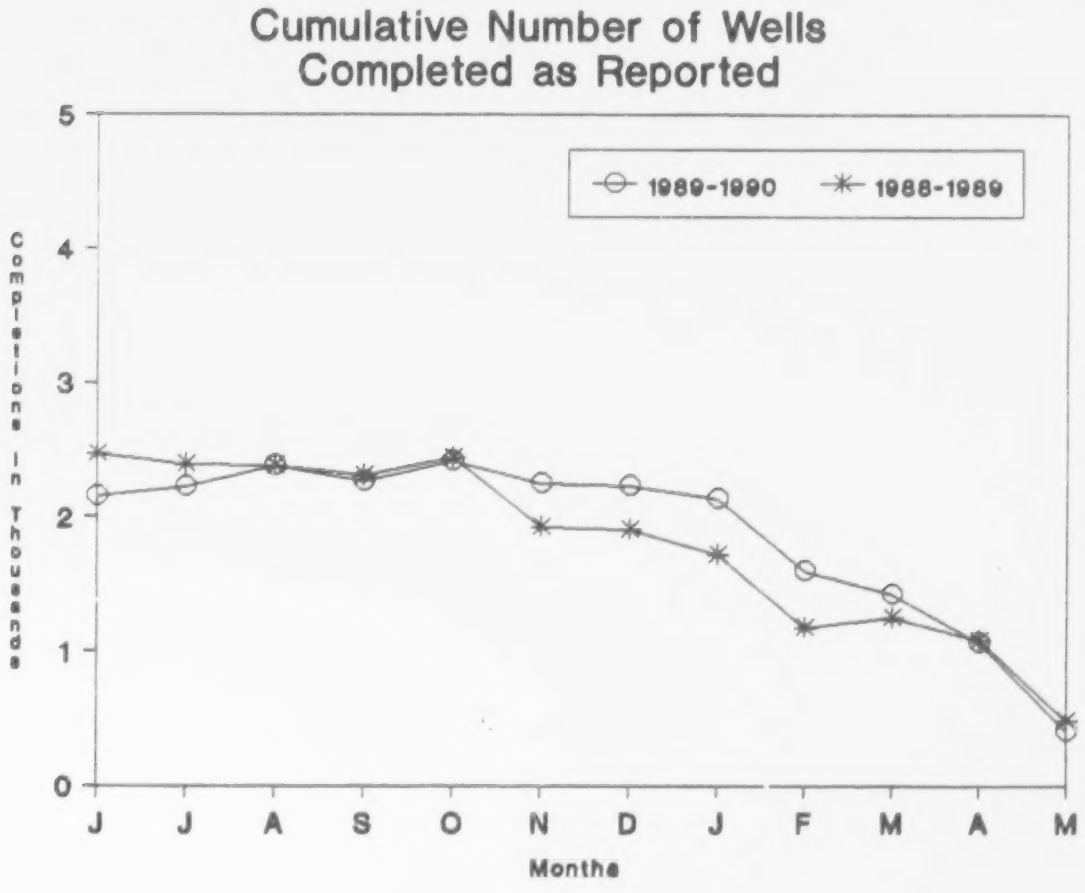

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 25, 1990[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	2,646	12,556,497	1,815	10,720,959	2,167	12,124,319	6,628	35,401,775	6,747	35,874,446
1990: MAY	131	547,539	60	209,514	217	1,091,543	408	1,848,596	410	1,853,026
APR	415	1,898,386	219	1,354,770	427	2,385,945	1,061	5,639,101	1,067	5,669,266
MAR	589	2,831,105	385	2,409,892	455	2,516,530	1,429	7,757,527	1,462	7,882,537
FEB	661	3,143,001	497	3,004,319	440	2,520,425	1,598	8,667,745	1,632	8,792,257
JAN	850	4,136,466	654	3,742,464	628	3,609,876	2,132	11,488,806	2,176	11,677,360
TOTAL 1989	9,533	40,468,650	8,326	43,198,542	7,885	40,674,572	25,744	124,341,764	26,310	126,388,002
1989: DEC	824	3,645,967	715	4,063,268	690	3,758,105	2,229	11,467,340	2,268	11,605,135
NOV	826	3,582,588	728	3,823,657	697	3,663,743	2,251	11,069,988	2,313	11,306,080
OCT	856	3,679,168	780	3,910,851	774	3,866,271	2,410	11,456,290	2,458	11,661,133
SEP	785	3,454,365	775	3,767,204	700	3,661,517	2,260	10,883,086	2,286	10,997,655
AUG	896	3,463,220	787	3,895,646	691	3,535,461	2,374	10,894,327	2,448	11,116,259
JUL	817	3,232,897	728	3,643,191	677	3,379,637	2,222	10,255,725	2,276	10,455,833
JUN	803	3,463,779	678	3,266,330	670	3,372,631	2,151	10,102,740	2,187	10,215,407
MAY	839	3,421,408	589	3,050,424	641	3,117,973	2,069	9,589,805	2,111	9,720,322
APR	834	3,392,634	566	3,077,213	635	3,323,386	2,035	9,793,233	2,078	9,948,311
MAR	668	2,903,863	627	3,403,028	602	3,026,153	1,897	9,333,044	1,952	9,551,156
FEB	573	2,538,451	615	3,435,959	458	2,542,115	1,646	8,516,525	1,674	8,647,996
JAN	812	3,690,310	738	3,861,771	650	3,427,580	2,200	10,979,661	2,259	11,162,715
TOTAL 1988	13,079	56,678,313	8,167	43,343,215	9,907	51,848,645	31,153	151,870,173	32,085	154,770,808
1988: DEC	796	3,576,055	806	4,158,499	757	4,171,742	2,359	11,906,296	2,427	12,160,432
NOV	802	3,482,463	766	4,021,367	713	3,852,703	2,281	11,356,533	2,334	11,482,333
OCT	970	4,343,999	816	4,020,319	922	4,686,211	2,708	13,050,529	2,783	13,242,775
SEP	954	4,391,040	793	3,980,597	814	4,210,402	2,561	12,582,039	2,630	12,840,865
AUG	1,038	4,027,145	685	3,358,816	876	4,625,735	2,599	12,011,696	2,667	12,244,818
JUL	1,058	4,550,342	637	3,353,329	849	4,479,077	2,544	12,382,748	2,604	12,560,006
JUN	1,201	4,919,388	628	3,331,679	860	4,286,082	2,689	12,537,149	2,762	12,800,204
MAY	1,211	5,001,492	566	3,020,791	862	4,290,021	2,639	12,312,304	2,740	12,627,005
APR	1,209	5,305,974	537	3,132,314	816	4,253,029	2,562	12,691,317	2,648	12,982,257
MAR	1,259	5,506,231	628	3,625,630	788	4,193,570	2,675	13,325,431	2,785	13,628,772
FEB	1,249	5,482,787	646	3,618,121	755	4,170,093	2,650	13,271,001	2,757	13,553,446
JAN	1,332	6,091,397	659	3,721,753	895	4,629,980	2,886	14,443,130	2,948	14,647,895
TOTAL 1987	16,127	65,268,993	7,788	41,295,398	11,255	54,316,179	35,170	160,880,570	36,059	163,585,673
TOTAL 1986	18,756	74,954,928	8,149	43,306,570	12,631	60,357,561	39,536	178,619,059	40,375	181,251,231

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 25, 1990[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	127	884,216	126	854,669	1,050	6,271,703	1,303	8,010,588
1990: MAY	6	35,535	2	6,214	102	558,314	110	600,063
APR	22	141,092	17	116,793	214	1,289,475	253	1,547,360
MAR	28	202,169	31	215,796	212	1,208,100	271	1,626,065
FEB	27	188,432	32	241,806	196	1,247,739	255	1,677,977
JAN	44	316,988	44	274,060	326	1,968,075	414	2,559,123
TOTAL 1989	567	3,380,668	642	4,146,207	3,844	21,149,041	5,053	28,675,916
1989: DEC	43	280,488	56	347,860	349	1,985,448	448	2,513,796
NOV	43	266,359	56	340,719	351	2,028,571	450	2,635,649
OCT	35	207,203	47	288,915	386	2,105,879	468	2,601,997
SEP	71	406,788	56	305,117	341	1,925,854	468	2,637,759
AUG	51	254,786	57	410,130	315	1,823,530	423	2,488,446
JUL	48	290,097	50	344,803	313	1,829,355	411	2,464,255
JUN	43	244,664	54	341,044	321	1,662,042	418	2,247,750
MAY	38	260,792	49	325,418	317	1,618,242	404	2,204,452
APR	61	355,838	49	291,545	285	1,544,528	395	2,191,911
MAR	48	320,461	48	317,453	301	1,548,024	397	2,185,938
FEB	40	232,961	54	381,081	239	1,392,118	333	2,006,160
JAN	46	260,231	66	452,122	326	1,785,450	438	2,497,803
TOTAL 1988	807	4,896,464	691	4,663,357	4,721	26,824,257	6,219	36,384,078
1988: DEC	58	356,934	66	404,403	401	2,394,304	525	3,155,641
NOV	58	330,873	64	411,047	378	2,165,303	500	2,907,223
OCT	66	422,412	77	478,698	464	2,521,986	607	3,423,096
SEP	71	444,663	50	325,130	374	2,166,348	495	2,936,141
AUG	54	287,675	46	260,501	416	2,350,405	516	2,898,581
JUL	69	396,353	60	401,295	410	2,268,068	539	3,065,716
JUN	70	426,193	62	431,865	389	2,171,116	521	3,029,174
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	390	2,081,075	504	2,889,698
APR	85	563,634	61	410,528	379	1,988,216	525	2,962,378
MAR	65	387,156	45	323,919	374	2,192,872	484	2,903,947
FEB	75	492,291	51	395,742	355	2,160,801	481	3,048,834
JAN	82	444,934	49	354,952	391	2,363,763	522	3,163,649
TOTAL 1987	894	5,292,815	694	4,592,755	5,172	27,220,690	6,760	37,106,260
TOTAL 1986	995	5,973,498	754	5,129,864	5,517	29,977,091	7,266	41,080,453

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1990

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	716	3,501,280	526	2,959,247	504	2,712,118	1,746	9,172,645	1,766	9,246,800
1990: MAY	131	547,539	60	209,514	217	1,091,543	408	1,848,596	410	1,853,026
APR	298	1,476,067	188	1,175,886	205	1,208,319	691	3,860,272	694	3,867,430
MAR	153	850,604	142	900,397	47	203,490	342	1,954,491	350	1,983,621
FEB	90	417,440	76	419,352	19	125,923	185	962,715	189	975,318
JAN	44	209,630	60	254,098	16	82,843	120	546,571	124	567,405
TOTAL 1989	145	560,239	163	641,021	85	341,097	393	1,542,357	400	1,571,782
1989: DEC	33	153,914	37	178,342	8	46,975	78	379,231	78	379,231
NOV	29	119,340	29	143,035	16	61,125	74	323,500	76	331,491
OCT	27	80,055	19	98,542	16	88,195	62	266,792	65	282,002
SEP	8	33,664	9	24,683	6	17,396	23	75,743	24	78,197
AUG	8	33,770	18	59,074	3	17,585	29	110,429	30	114,199
JUL	11	33,988	7	18,160	9	34,910	27	87,058	27	87,058
JUN	5	9,035	7	12,919	10	45,142	22	67,096	22	67,096
MAY	6	26,182	1	4,900	5	6,557	12	37,639	12	37,639
APR	1	1,641	4	13,800	4	9,958	9	25,399	9	25,399
MAR	6	*11,163	9	23,653	3	5,533	18	40,349	18	40,349
FEB	5	30,409	11	32,576	4	4,917	20	67,902	20	67,902
JAN	6	27,078	12	31,337	1	2,804	19	*61,219	19	61,219
TOTAL 1988	13	52,126	12	37,628	17	53,303	42	143,057	43	145,675
1988: DEC	0	0	3	9,774	3	12,628	6	22,402	6	22,402
NOV	3	6,061	2	1,422	1	5,900	6	13,383	6	13,383
OCT	1	1,460	0	0	0	0	1	1,460	1	1,460
SEP	1	11,727	2	12,944	0	0	3	24,671	4	27,289
AUG	3	5,666	0	0	2	11,075	5	16,741	5	16,741
JUL	0	0	2	8,833	1	713	3	9,546	3	9,546
JUN	2	6,735	0	0	0	0	2	6,735	2	6,735
MAY	0	0	0	0	1	1,250	1	1,250	1	1,250
APR	0	0	1	2,394	7	6,165	8	8,559	8	8,559
MAR	2	16,009	2	2,261	0	0	4	18,270	4	18,270
FEB	0	0	0	0	1	15,165	1	15,165	1	15,165
JAN	1	4,468	0	0	1	407	2	4,875	2	4,875
TOTAL 1987	5	5,912	13	27,932	16	30,597	34	64,441	35	66,106
YRS PRIOR TO 1987	129	156,826	48	119,358	292	375,635	469	651,819	471	654,760
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,008	4,276,383	762	3,785,186	914	3,512,750	2,684	11,574,319	2,715	11,685,123

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 25, 1990. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period April 28, 1990 through May 25, 1990. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.